



## Corrections Standards Authority

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#### GUIDING PRINCIPLE Partnering with local jurisdictions

DMC Technical Assistance Project 2005: CSA established a work group of subject matter experts from the national, state and local level to develop California's approach to DMC. In March 2005, DMC activities were bolstered through the board's adoption of recommendations developed by that DMC workgroup and as a result, the CSA established a full-time DMC coordinator position and implemented the Technical Assistance Project, a 14-month collaborative effort between the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and three counties to address DMC. CSA contracted with NCCD to deliver DMC technical assistance to those counties ready and willing to address DMC; Alameda, Contra Costa, and Ventura counties volunteered and sufficiently met the criteria for participation.

Enhanced DMC-TAP 2007-2009: In response to findings from ongoing assessments of the DMC Technical Assistance Project as well as recommendations made by the three involved Chiefs and other county probation departments, CSA staff developed a proposal for enhancing the original DMC Technical Assistance initiative through an investment of additional federal dollars and an incremental three-year approach to DMC reduction efforts to be dispersed through a competitive RFP process. Funds made available through this program will support probation departments in the education and identification of DMC. CSA hopes to better equip these agencies with the tools and resources necessary for leadership in developing and/or strengthening community-based DMC reduction activities. A total of \$2.625 million is available over the course of three years for counties to participate in the Enhanced DMC-TAP.

#### GUIDING PRINCIPLE Enhancing CSA and stakeholder knowledge

Title V Community Prevention Grants Program 2005-2007: This federal program supports collaborative prevention and early intervention efforts designed to keep at-risk youth and first-time non-serious offenders from entering, or re-entering, the local juvenile justice system. In January 2004, the CSA assumed responsibility for administering the Title V Program. The CSA subsequently issued a competitive Request for Proposals and an independent review panel evaluated the merits of 29 proposals using rating criteria approved by the CSA. As part of the CSA's effort to provide incentives for DMC reduction efforts, these criteria included five preference points for projects focusing on DMC reduction. Five of the seven awards support DMC-focused projects.

Title II Formula Grants Program 2007-2009: This federal program supports state and local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements. To provide further incentives for local jurisdictions to participate in DMC efforts, applicants must incorporate the following DMC education and awareness activities into their proposed project (and budget): The project director must attend a DMC "training the trainers" session at the CSA during the first quarter of the 12-month grant period and the project must provide a minimum of three DMC training sessions to program staff and partnering agencies during the grant period.

CSA DMC Technical Assistance: At the request of local jurisdictions, the DMC coordinator provides basic DMC education and related technical assistance. The education piece is provided through a training module developed by CSA staff for those counties wanting to better understand the meaning of DMC, the history of DMC and what expectations are related to the DMC mandate at the federal level.

#### GUIDING PRINCIPLE Taking responsibility for progress

Department of Justice Collaborative: CSA staff currently collaborates with the California Department of Justice in obtaining statewide DMC data through the Juvenile Court Probation Statistical System.

### NEXT STEPS

- **Explore:** DMC planning grants for those counties interested in addressing DMC but are not awarded the Enhanced DMC-TAP grant. These planning grants would potentially fund both the development of initial DMC data and provide an opportunity for a DMC stakeholder work groups to be established for further exploration of DMC issues locally.
- **Enhance:** Broaden state level collaboration by engaging additional stakeholders such as Social Services, Foster Care, Department of Education, Law enforcement associations and the courts in the DMC dialogue.